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June 11, 2004

Clement Geitner  
President

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: MM Docket No. 99-325**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

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*the office*  
*of distinction*

As the immediate past Chairman of WFAE's Board, I follow closely both technological and programming advances that impact public radio. There is no stopping the progression to digital transmission but more exciting to a station like WFAE (and its sister station, WFHE) is the potential to create a second channel from the new digital streaming. A second channel opens up numerous possibilities for WFAE to provide additional services to its listening publics. I can envision that supplemental audio programming will meet listener needs that are either currently underserved or not served at all. WFAE and WFHE might use a second channel to time-shift programming that current listeners miss because of their schedules. Overseas news and/or foreign language programming would be possible with a second channel. A second Channel might provide the ability to create alternative formats not currently available in our service areas. The potential for a second channel for us here in the greater Charlotte area is so exciting that I heartily urge the FCC to rule in favor of allowing stations to utilize their digital signals for secondary, supplemental audio channels.



Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Should you need to contact me I can be reached at the address and telephone number contained herein on the letterhead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clement Geitner", written in a cursive style.

Clement Geitner  
Past Chairman  
WFAE/WFHE Board of Directors

Cc: Mr. Roger Sarow, CEO and General Manager,  
WFAE Radio, Charlotte, NC